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SCOTTSDALE MAN SENTENCED FOR MISPRISION OF A FELONY

PHOENIX – Raymond Paul Garcia, 29, of Scottsdale, Ariz. and a member of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Tribe, was sentenced yesterday to two years in federal prison by U.S. District Judge James A. Teilborg. Garcia pleaded guilty on October 8, 2008 to Misprision of a Felony, Assault with a Dangerous Weapon.

On November 23, 2007, on the Salt River Pima- Maricopa Indian Reservation, Garcia was present with, and witnessed, James Spotted Hawk Miles, 32, and the 34-year-old victim when they argued over the quality of methamphetamine purchased from the victim. During an ensuing struggle, Miles shot the victim with a handgun. Garcia, knowing the crime had occurred, concealed the crime by fleeing the area and did not report the crime to the authorities as soon as possible. The victim was hospitalized but recovered from his wounds. Judge Teilborg previously sentenced Miles to 10 years in federal prison.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Salt River Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Thomas C. Simon, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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